

♡ **FEBRUARY 2020** ♡

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY**

Friday, February 7, 2020  
No school for students.

**FEBRUARY CALENDAR**

February 2nd.....Ground Hog Day  
February 5<sup>th</sup>.....PAC Meeting 6 pm  
February 6th.....NED Assembly  
February 7th.....District Non-Instructional Day  
Feb 10th–14th.....Informal Reports Home  
.....and Non School of Choice registration  
Feb 11th/12th.....Robotics Tournaments  
February 14th.....Valentines Day  
February 17th.....BC Family Day  
.....School is closed  
February 26th.....Pink Shirt Day  
March 3rd.....PAC Meeting 6pm

**PERSONAL TECHNOLOGY DEVICES**



If phones/ipods/etc are brought to school they must stay out of sight and are not to be used (including recess/lunch) without staff permission. Student photographing or video-recording can ONLY be on a school device and under the direction of the classroom teacher for a project, etc. Your cooperation is appreciated.

**PBIS UPDATE**

Prior to the winter break, we focused on lunch time eating behaviours. Each week we announced winning classrooms and these classes were entered in a draw to win a hot chocolate party provided by Woodland's Coffee Shop. Congratulations to Mrs. Ernst's Grade 3 class! They enjoyed their hot chocolate prior to the break. We are continuing to look for and place an emphasis on expected lunch time behaviours around the school. We had a P.B.I.S. assembly on Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. Students were reminded about respectful and safe playground behaviours and are focusing on using: kind thoughts; kind words; and kind actions. We will continue to focus on kindness as we get closer to the annual 'Pink Shirt Day.' Throw Kindness Like Confetti!

**SCHOOL FEES**

Just a reminder for those families that have yet to pay school supply fees. Please contact the office as soon as possible to arrange payment. These fees

are really important in having the children fully prepared for their learning on a daily basis. Huge thanks to those families that have sent payment for supplies to date; we really appreciate it!

**PARKING / DROP OFF**



Our student drop off area on York and Windsor Avenues is meant for parents to pull in to the zone and drop students off. *It is not a short term parking area.*

The bus zones are NO PARKING at any time. A bus will pick up and drop off Brock Middle School students each day on York. **The bus zone on Windsor Ave is also NO PARKING at any time.** Parking is available in many other areas around the school and your support here helps to provide a safe environment for students walk ing and riding to school. The City of Kamloops has informed us that they will be enforcing this expectation due to a high number of concerns. **PLEASE PARK OUTSIDE THIS AREA!**



Parents are reminded that the staff parking lot is for staff only vehicles at the start and end of the school day (8:00 - 8:45 and 2:15 – 2:45). Please respect this policy for the sake of our students' safety, as we have had some really close calls in our parking lot. Please also respect parking spaces reserved for staff, our handicap stall, and loading zone.



The School Act mandates three formal and two informal reports to parents every year. Two partial days were used in October for interviews and the first informal report. Please expect some form of informal report from your child's teacher between Monday, February 10th and Friday, February 14th. Teachers may choose formats such as open houses, letters, phone calls, or self-assessments during this time. Our second formal reports come home on Friday March 13<sup>th</sup> just prior to the Spring Break period.



## PINK SHIRT & POSITIVE DAY

Wednesday, February 26, 2020 is Pink Shirt Day all across Canada! Here at Bert Edwards, we are asking students to wear a pink shirt on the 26th as a symbol of their commitment to demonstrate respect to themselves and others. Students

new to the school have been given an opportunity to purchase a pink shirt (DUE FEB 6th), and we are hoping all students will wear their shirts to school. To help at home, talking to children about positive, pro-social behaviors on a regular basis, and modeling this behavior, has shown to decrease negative interactions at school, in the community, and with parents.

## SCENT FREE SCHOOL

In recognition of individuals with asthma, allergies and severe environmental and chemical sensitivities, Bert Edwards Science and Technology School is striving to be scent-free throughout our entire school! Students, staff and guests are asked to refrain from wearing fragrances and scented personal care products at BEST. This often includes perfume, cologne, aftershave and scented hair products, but also includes items such as essential oils (Tea Tree Oil), hand sanitizer, and skin lotions. We have several students and staff with significant sensitivities, and your cooperation and support here is greatly appreciated!



## STAYING HEALTHY

*"Is Your Child Too Sick To Go To School?"*

Interior Health advises parents to keep children home if they have:

- a fever of 38 degrees C (100 degrees F) – and then keep them home for 24 hours after the fever is gone;
- vomiting or diarrhea – and then keep them home for at least 24 hours after the last episode;
- a severe sore throat – particularly if you can see white or red spots at the back of the throat or if your child also has a fever;
- rashes of unknown origin – these may be contagious;
- a deep, hacking cough – along with a runny nose and headache;
- untreated infections of the eye, ear or skin – watch for symptoms such as redness,

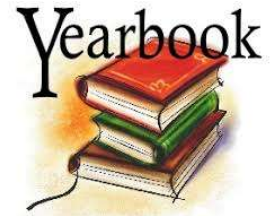


swelling, or discharge

- For more info on student health please visit <http://www.healthlinkbc.ca/>

## PAC NEWS

Just a reminder: We have yearbooks left for purchase. If you would like a book, please come and get an order form from the office. The PAC will also be sponsoring a Yearbook Cover contest later this month.



Please encourage your child to enter and design a cover for our 2019-2020 book! Also, please remember the PAC movie night showing the film ABOMINABLE! on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Food and drinks will be available, so come join us for dinner. Doors open at 5:30pm and the show starts at 6pm! Lastly, a final call to purchase a Cookie Gram for Valentines Day! Surprise a family member or friend! Last day will be Feb 6<sup>th</sup>.

## ROBOTICS TOURNAMENT AT BEST!

We are gearing up in the month of January, and early in February, for a Robotics tournament here at BEST! On Tuesday Feb 11<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon and all day on



Wednesday Feb 12<sup>th</sup> our students will be learning and discovering with Blue Bots, Sheros, and Edison robots. Our SD #73 District Technology Coordinator – Elizabeth Devries – will be here to support us. We could really use some extra adult support on these days, so if you can help – and learn! - please fill out the parent letter coming home early next week.

## NED ASSEMBLY

On Thursday February 6<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting a NED'S MINDSET MISSION



ASSEMBLY here at BEST. The key focus of this gathering is students finding their Positive Mindset! The show is filled with Storytelling, Humour, Illusions, and amazing yo-top tricks where our students learn the hidden message in Ned's name: **N**ever give up – understand the power of **Y**ET; **E**ncourage others – spark courage in other people; **D**o your best – always be learning and growing. Also, students will be given the opportunity to purchase a yo-top – a tangible reminder of NED'S message. They will be for sale at the school from Feb 6<sup>th</sup> to Feb 13<sup>th</sup>. A notice will be sent home next week with additional information.